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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventors : Törmälä et al.  
Serial No. : 08/921,533  
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For : BIOACTIVE AND BIODEGRADABLE  
COMPOSITES OF POLYMERS AND  
CERAMICS OR GLASSES AND METHOD  
TO MANUFACTURE SUCH COMPOSITES  
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Art Unit : 1615

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**AMENDMENT**

SIR:

This Amendment is in response to the Official Action dated December 7, 1998, the time for response to which expired on March 7, 1999, which date has been extended by the concurrent filing of a petition for a three-month extension of time. The extended date for response to the Official Action therefore expires on June 7, 1999.

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